MINUTES

OF THE

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE,

OF THE

METHODIST E. CHURCH, SOUTH,

FOR THE YEAR

1853.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED THE

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, &c.

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1. Who are Admitted on Trial?

Edward D. Boyden, Jacob S. Conner, Joshua T. DuBose, Robert W. Burgess, R. Thornton Capers, Lewis M. Hamer, Daniel A Ogburn, Basil G. Jones.

2. Who Remain on Trial?

G. W. Stokes, Wm. H. Lawton, A. H. Lester, Jas. S. Ervin, E. J. Price, G. W. M. Creighton, R. L. Abernathy.

3. Who have been admitted into Full Connection?

John D. W. Crook, Osgood A. Darby, Wm. Easterling.

4. Who are the Deacons?

F. A. Mood, J. W. Miller, W. W. Mood, Thos. Raysor, Wm. E. Boone, G. W. Ivy, Daniel May, W. A. Clark, J. T. Kilgo, C. O. Lamotte, who were ordained last year, and J. W. Faulkner, elect; O. A. Darby, Wm. Easterling, who were ordained this year; W. B. Currie, W. W. Jones, D. D. Byars.

5. Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders this year?

J. D. W. Crook, W. Hutto, J. W. North.

6. Who have Located this year?

J. W. Faulkner, S. D. Laney, Z. W. Barnes.

7. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

Whitefoord Smith.

8. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

Wm. J. Jackson, A. M. Forster, J. L. Belin, James Dannelly, S.

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Dunwody, Campbell Smith, Jacob Hill, John Watts, R. Pierce, J. W. Townsend, Bond English, M. Spain, H. Bass.

9. Who have been Expelled this year?

None.

10. Who have Withdrawn this year?

None.

11. Were all the Preachers' Characters Examined?

This was strictly attended to, by calling over their names severally before the Conference.

12. Who have died this year?

Daniel G. McDaniel, of the South Carolina Conference, was born in Georgetown, District of Columbia, on the 15th of February, 1791. He was converted in 1811, in the Light Street Church, Baltimore; admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference, 1821, and that year appointed to the Broad River Circuit. In 1822 he was appointed to Black Swamp, in 1823 to Asbury Mission, in 1824 to Yellow River Mission, in 1825 to St. Augustine, 1826 to Pea River Mission, 1827 to Holmes' Valley Mission, 1828 to Ohooppee, 1829 to Hollow Creek, 1830 to Georgetown, 1831 and 1832 to Lincolnton, 1833 to Kings Mountain Mission, 1834 to Camden, 1835 to Yorkville Circuit, 1836 to Charlotte Circuit, 1837 and 1838 to Wadesboro Circuit, 1839 and 1840 to Lincolnton, 1841 and 1842 to Winnsboro, 1843 and 1844 to Orangeburg Circuit, 1845 to Columbia Circuit, 1846 to Rutherford Circuit, in 1847 to Wateree Mission, where he ceased at once to live and labor, in the 63d year of his age, and in the 33d year of his ministry.

Brother McDaniel was a faithful and holy man of God; a sound and sensible preacher; of good judgment and great firmness and energy of character. Thirteen years of his ministry were spent upon a laborious mission field, where, at last, he offered the sacrifice of his life in preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ to the colored population. He loved Methodism, her discipline and usages, her preachers and her people. A few days before his death, he expressed his entire confidence in God, giving up his wife and children into His care, and closing his earthly mission with the words, "My life has been one of constant toil, but of no merit; I trust alone in the merits of Christ my Saviour."

13. What Numbers are in Society? And what Report have we from our Sunday Schools?

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Local Elders.	Deacons.	Licentiates.	Whites.	Colored.	Amount raised for Missions.	Amount raised for S. School Books.	No. of Schools.	Superintendents.	Teachers.	Children.	Vol's in Library.	Bibles and Test's Distributed.	Amount raised for Conference Collections.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.														
Cumberland	2			211	1367	441 76	121 54	2	4	37	683	804	84	202 00
Trinity	1			285	1727	820 65	18 00	2	3	33	217	950		153 00
Bethel	1	1		189	1393	318 00	43 00	2	2	15	195	460		100 00
St. James			1	171	279	126 08	12 50	1	1	11	66	212		27 40
Black Swamp	2			376	681	372 10		2	2	8	20			140 00
Walterboro'	2			765	749	317 12	8 25	5	5	18	93	250		168 43
Orangeburgh	5	2	2	860	1100	455 00		9	9	32	193	96		110 75
Barnwell			2	508	595	303 00	25 00	4	4	12	135			76 00
Cypress	4	3	2	1187	1245	962 10		8	8	27	145	450		155 00
Cooper River	3	4	1	498	851	159 57	5 40	7	7	10	87	145	87	82 00
Savannah River Mission				3	627	396 00								
Combahee & Ashepoo do					1155	395 00								
Round O. do					176	174 00								
Graniteville & Aiken do	1		1	128	65	106 72	3 00	2	2	15	103	687	24	10 10
Pon Pon do					628	179 00								
Okatie do				27	200									
Cooper River. do					696	163 00								
Beaufort & Pr Wm's do				17	244	142 70		2	2	6	30	100		
Edisto Island do					702	345 00								
St. Andrews do					214									
COKESBURY DISTRICT.	21	10	9	5223	14524	5887 80	236 69	44	47	209	1847	4147	145	1214 58
Cokesbury	7	3	3	957	1277	893 79	25 00	11	12	51	358	600	9	120 40
Edgefield	3	4	1	828	1000	180 00		4	4	17	109			50 53
Pendleton	2	4	6	866	369	214 48	10 00	10	12	36	172	240	80	31 45
Pickens		1	2	434	55	50 00								4 00
Greenville Circuit	3	3	1	979	210	195 00	22 00	11	11	58	450	300	98	46 90
Greenville Station	1	1		88	275	43 50	51 55	1		12	60	950		27 10
Union Circuit	3	1	2	875	710	666 20	21 25	7	9	35	205	498		203 45
Laurens	2	2	3	670	497	146 85	20 00	3	3	15	99	310		33 20
Newberry	1	3		935	1480	318 30		6	6	25	160	700		117 00
Mt. Tryon				492	52	72 63								13 45
COLUMBIA DISTRICT.	22	22	18	7154	5941	2776 75	159 80	53	57	249	1613	3508	187	447 43
Washington Street			1	222	451	535 72	82 02	1	2	15	148	580		150 00
Marion "		1	1	145	137	250 04		1	2	13	103	264		75 00
Lexington		3	1	657	558	200 00	24 74	10	10	28	227	650	40	80 50
Columbia Circuit	2			288	258	118 00	52 50	4	4	13	81	286		50 00
Winnsboro	1			925	1168	937 63	30 00	7	9	22	147	175		166 28
Lancaster			1	600	650	190 00		7	7	24	160	100		42 00
Camden	1		1	155	381	274 10	22 00	1	2	9	61	550		56 45
Sumterville		2	2	209	386	326 87	107 00	2	2	22	152	460	35	50 00
Darlington	1	6	3	1042	890	433 75	35 00	13	16	81	525	600	79	86 37
Santee			2	486	970	160 10	12 00	7	8	29	161		24	60 05
Sumter	2	5	1	796	865	275 12	1 25	6	10	30	170	130	4	115 00
Congaree Mission				11	280	415 17								
Upper Santee do				49	748	330 00								
Wateree do				37	1050									
Long Town do				60	105	130 00		3	2	7	70			
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.	7	17	13	5762	8897	4576 50	366 51	62	74	293	2005	3790	182	931 60
Georgetown				172	943	397 25	46 06	1	1	12	71	425		80 00
Black River	3	1	2	926	1025	275 00		6	5	22	127	200		52 00
Conwayboro			4	1026	376	403 20	10 51	14	14	38	347		42	60 80
Marion	1			140	227	272 36	20 00	1	1	6	40	75		56 25
Marion ct	6	10	14	1350	925	185 60	14 00	12	12	50	290	150	12	65 06
Bennettsville	1	5	4	1008	528	515 00		3	3	19	108	140		100 50
Chesterfield		2	1	587	398	136 81	4 00	9	10	36	242	300		29 74
Cheraw				98	177	165 68	18 00	2	2	11	73	425		63 38
Wadesboro'			1	121	139	123 00	8 70	1	1	12	75	350		50 00
Wadesboro ct.		5		752	327	220 00		5	5	24	156	360		78 00
Albemarle	2	1	1	718	137	149 25		6	6	42	160	230		
Santee Mission					636	125 00								
Sampit do					255	535 00								
Black River & Pee Dee do	1			121	1467	407 37								
Black Mingo do				49	586	501 37								
Waccamaw do				27	523	584 25								
Society Hill do				5	102	200 50								
Cheraw col'd do					219	263 00								
	14	24	27	7100	8988	5360 94	121 87	60	96	390	1529	2655	54	616 32

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LINCOLNTON DISTRICT.														
Charlotte	1		1	122	146	294 59	30 17	1	1	12	75	560		35 50
Charlotte Circuit				1025	562	419 00		6	10	22	160	200		64 50
Pleasant Grove		3		708	312	636 54		2	2	9	75		35	50 00
Concord		1		443	286	165 35		4	4	22	152	200		50 00
Lincolnton	4	1		916	416	260 66	10 00	10	10	47	296	300		34 00
Spartanburg				131	78	214 40	15 00	1	1	12	65	400		40 00
Spartanburg Circuit		1		577	229	152 15	6 00	7	7	39	195			31 00
Rutherford	2			1031	497	255 00	6 00	11	13	66	421	878		25 00
Catawba			4	932	156	121 00	35 00	16	20	95	350	425	57	19 00
South Mountain Mission				152										
Shelby			2	543	158	142 00	16 56	8	8	37	217			25 00
Morganton		2	5	1159	351	150 07		8	10	15	250		5	10 00
Lenoir		1	4	744	174	100 00	6 00	8	8	35	225	50		18 00
Yorkville				95	160	168 42		1	2	12	89	464		25 00
Yorkville Circuit			1	397	403	28 00	2 25	3	5	12	70			28 00
	7	9	17	7975	3928	3107 16	126 92	86	95	433	2240	3977	97	455 00
RECAPITULATION.														
Charleston	21	10	9	5223	1454	5887 80	236 69	44	47	209	1847	4147	195	1214 58
Cokesbury	22	22	18	7154	5941	2776 75	159 80	53	57	249	1613	3508	187	447 43
Columbia	7	17	13	5762	8897	4576 50	366 51	62	74	293	2005	3790	182	931 60
Georgetown	14	24	27	7100	8988	5360 94	121 87	60	96	390	1689	2655	54	616 32
Lincolnton	7	9	17	7975	3928	3107 16	126 92	86	95	433	2240	3977	97	455 00
Total, this year	71	82	84	33214	42278	21709 15	1008 79	305	369	1574	9096	18077	715	3664 93
Do last year	70	76	80	32828	40358	20762 53	805 72	293	310	1450	9895	15285	779	3419 94

AMOUNTS FOR PUBLISHING S. S. BOOKS.—Charleston District, $355.02; Cokesbury District, $151.13; Columbia District, $404.47; Georgetown District $71.40; Lincolnton District, $298.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VISITORS TAKEN.—Charleston District, 448; Cokesbury District, 187; Columbia District, 182; Georgetown District, 133; Lincolnton District 340.

14. WHAT AMOUNT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE UP THE ALLOWANCES OF THE SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS, AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF PREACHERS; AND TO SUPPLY THE DEFICIENCIES OF THOSE PREACHERS WHOSE CLAIMS HAVE NOT BEEN MET IN THEIR CIRCUITS?

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15. WHAT AMOUNT HAS BEEN COLLECTED ON THE FOREGOING ACCOUNTS, AND HOW HAS IT BEEN APPLIED?

The amount received is $3993.46, and has been appropriated as follows—being a discount of 10 per cent.

To the Bishops of the M. E. Church, South,	$371 00
Rev. J. T. Munds,	194 40
" A. M. Forster,	180 00
" Z. W. Barnes,	280 80
" J. Belin,	180 00
" J. Dannelly,	223 20
" S. Dunwody,	180 00
" J. Hill,	90 00
" C. Smith,	309 60
" J. Watts,	223 20

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To the Rev. R. Pierce,	90 00
" J. W. Townsend,	223 20
" B. English,	180 00
" H. Spain,	167 40
Mrs. Gamewell,	90 00
" Asbury,	90 00
" Hill,	90 00
" Morgan,	90 00
" Kennedy,	90 00
" McPherson,	90 00
" Davies,	90 00
" Turpin,	90 00
" Tarrant,	90 00
" Bunch,	90 00
" McMakin and child,	111 60
Child of J. G. Postell,	21 60
" " Rev. A. Hoyle,	21 60
" " " B. Thomason.	21 60

16. What amount has been collected for Missions? And what for Sunday School Books?

For Missions, $25,049.12; for Sunday School Books, $1,008.79.

17. Where are the Preachers stationed?

Charleston Dis.—H. A. C. Walker, P. E.

Charleston: Trinity, *Hilliard C. Parsons.*
" Cumberland, *J. T. Wightman, W. Smith,* supernumerary.
" Bethel, *Joseph Cross.*
" St. James, *Allen McCorquodale.*

W. M. Wightman Editor of S. C. Advocate.

Chas. Taylor, and Benjamin Jenkins, Missionaries to China.

Cooper River Cir., *Dennis J. Simmons.*
Cooper River Miss., *Abner Ervin.*
St. Andrews, one to be supplied.

Cypress cir., *Wm. H Fleming, Wm. Hutto.*
Pon Pon Miss., *Wm. C. Kirkland.*

Walterboro cir., *Wm. P. Mouzon,* one to be supplied.
Round O. Miss., *P. A. M. Williams.*
Ashepoo Miss., *Peyton G. Bowman.*
Combahee Miss., *J. R. Coburn, Henry A. Bass.*

Orangeburg cir., Wm. C. Lawton, Jas. S. Ervin.

Black Swamp cir., *Marcus A. McKibben,* Ed. D. Boyden.
Savannah River Miss., *John D. W. Crook,* Jacob S. Connor.
Oakatie Miss., To be supplied.

Edisto, and Jehossee, *Chas. Wilson.*
Beaufort Miss., *G. W. Moore,* C. O. La Motte.

GEORGETOWN DIST., CHARLES BETTS, P. E.

Georgetown, *Claudius H. Pritchard.*
Santee Miss., *Martin Eaddy*, G. W. Stokes.
Sampit Miss., *Thos. Mitchell.*
Black River and Pee Dee Miss., *Jacob L. Shuford*, Daniel A. Ogburn.
Black River cir., *Hugh E Ogburn*, W. W. Jones.
Black Mingo Miss., *Joseph Parker.*
Conwayboro cir., *Daniel McDonald*, R. W. Burgess.
Waccamaw Miss., *Martin L. Banks, Wm. Carson.*
Marion cir., *Robert P. Franks*, Lewis M. Hamer.
Marion, *James Stacy.*
Bennettsville, *Lewis M. Little.*
Society Hill Miss., *Israel P. Hughes.*
Cheraw, John W. Miller.
Cheraw Miss., *Frederick Rush.*
Darlington, *Simpson Jones*, Joshua T. Dubose.
Liberty Chapel Miss., *Addison P. Martin.*

COLUMBIA DIST., W. CROOK, P. E.

Columbia: Washington St., *Colin Murchison.*
Marion St., Wm. E. Boone.
Columbia cir., *Jno. A. Minick.*
Congaree Miss., *Nicholas Talley.*
Barnwell cir., *Abel M. Chrietzberg.*
Graniteville and Aiken Miss., *Cornelius McLeod.*
Winnsboro, and Chesterville, *E. J. Meynardie.*
Chester cir., *J. J. Fleming.*
Fairfield cir., *Williamson Smith.*
Lexington, *A. B. McGilvray*, E. A. Price.
Sumterville, Francis A. Mood.
Sumter cir., *Sidi H. Brown.*
Santee, *James T. Kilgo.*
Upper Santee Miss., *Abram P. Avant*, one to be supplied.

CHARLOTTE DIST., D. DERRICK, P. E.

Camden, *Wm. Martin.*
Lancaster, *Andrew J. Cauthen.*
Charlotte, *Jno. A. Mood.*
Charlotte cir., *J. M. Bradly, Daniel May.*
Pleasant Grove, *Wm. C. Clark.*
Concord, *Paul F. Kistler.*
Albemarle, Wm. M. Easterling.
Wadesboro, Wm. W. Mood
Wadesboro cir., *J. W. J. Harris, Alexander L. Smith.*
Chesterfield, *David Seale.*
Wateree Miss., *S. W. Capers*, R. Thornton Capers.
Long Town Miss., *Jno. A. Porter.*
Lands Ford Miss., *Lewis A. Johnson.*
Tracy R. Walsh, President of Carolina F. College.

SPARTANBURG DIST., H. H. DURANT, P. E.

Spartanburg, *Whatcoat A. Gamewell.*
Spartanburg cir., *A. G. Stacy.*
Rutherford, *Jno. H. Robinson,* one to be supplied.
Lincolnton, *Henry M. Mood.*
Dallas, *John Finger.*
Catawba, *Lewis Scarborough.*
South Mountain Miss., Basil G. Jones.
Shelby, David D. Byars.
Morganton, *Alexander W. Walker.*
McDowell, George W. Ivey.
Lenoir, *Willis S. Haltom.*
Yorkville, *J. W. North.*
Yorkville cir., R. S. Abernathy.

COKESBURY DIST., S. LEARD, P. E.

Cokesbury, *Jno. W. Kelly.*
Abbeville, *Charles S. Walker.*
Abbeville cir., *John H. Zimmerman.*
Edgefield cir., *Miles Puckett,* G. W. M. Creighton.
Pendleton, Thos. Raysor, one to be supplied.
Pickens, Wm. A. Clark.
Greenville, Osgood A. Darby.
Greenville cir., *Wm. C. Patterson.*
Laurens, *Robert J. Boyd.*
Union, *Wm. A. McSwain,* A. H. Lester.
Newberry, *John R. Pickett.*
Newberry cir., *Saml. Townsend,* one to be supplied.
Mt. Tryon, Wm. B. Currie.
Jocassee Miss., Alsen H. Harmon.
James W. Wightman, Cokesbury School.
A. M. Shipp, Professor, No. Ca. University.
James T. Munds, left without an appointment on account of ill health.

The following were appointed Delegates to the General Conference: W. M. Wightman, Prof. A. M. Shipp, W. A. Gamewell, Whitefoord Smith, H. A. C. Walker, W. A. McSwain, R. J. Boyd, and J. Stacy.

Reserves:—T. R. Walsh, H. H. Durant.

The next Conference to be held at Columbia.

CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE S. C. CONFERENCE.

AUXILIARY TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS.—C. Betts, President; H. A. C. Walker, 1st Vice President; Whitefoord Smith, 2d Vice President; W. A. McSwain, Secretary; W. M. Wightman, Treasurer. Managers: Nicholas Talley, William Martin, James Stacy, William Crook, Joseph Cross, C. H. Pritchard, H. H. Durant, C. S. Walker, W. A. Gamewell.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

The Board of Managers, in presenting their annual report, hail with joy another anniversary. In a casual survey of the missionary field, we see great reason for gratitude to God, and encouragement in our blessed work. Doubtless, within the last century, more has been done for the spread of the gospel, than during fifteen centuries before. Even within a few past years, "what hath God wrought?" The signs of the times are full of promise. If we contemplate the prejudices and objections to the missionary enterprise which have been overcome; the various obstacles to international communication which have been removed; the facilities for translating the Gospel into other languages, and publishing it in the remotest lands; the discoveries of science; the improvements in the arts; the impetus given to the spread of healthful literature; the application of these several agencies to the illumination and salvation of man; the light shed upon the ancient history of the world, and the interest awakened in behalf of oriental countries, by the valuable results of antiquarian researches amid the primitive seats of humanity—in Egypt, in Palestine, on the plain of Shinar, and among the ruins of Nineveh; the condition and prospects of China—the sword opening the way for the Prince of Peace into the very heart of the empire, the plowshare of revolution turning up the soil to receive "the good seed of the kingdom;" the success of our brethren in the modern Ophir, enabling them, in a manner, to assert their ecclesiastical independence, by organizing a conference of their own; the recently announced consummation of the work in the Sandwich Islands, which are now no longer to be regarded as missionary ground; the prosperous state of Christianity in Western and Southern Africa; the happy influence of the gospel in many of our domestic missions; the awakened energies and kindled ardors of the church; the enlargement of her heart; the increase of her revenues; the glorious revivals we have witnessed; the number of brave men and self-denying women responding to the call for laborers

—"Here am I! send me!"—we rejoice for the future, and imagine that we see the millennial dawn upon the mountains!

But we "rejoice with trembling." We would not raise a premature shout of triumph. "There remaineth yet much land to be possessed." After all that has been done, the world still "lieth in wickedness." Three-fourths of its teeming population never heard of a Savior's love. They worship the works of their own hands. They adore the elements. They sacrifice to devils. Knowledge among them is in deep eclipse, intellect slumbers, and conscience is paralyzed. Passion rules them with an absolute despotism. Superstition stalks among them, arrayed in more than Gorgon terrors. Their dwellings are "habitations of cruelty;" their temples are gateways of perdition. "The smoke of the bottomless pit" has enveloped them in "darkness visible." Paganism is now what it was three thousand years ago—what it was in Rome, in Greece, in Egypt, in Phenicia, in Babylonia, in Persia, in Assyria—the same corrupt tree, producing the same bitter fruit. Nine-tenths of the human race know not God, nor "Jesus Christ whom he hath sent." The moral code of the Mahommedan is scarcely better than that of the polytheist. The Jew still blindly cleaves to an abrogated and heartless ceremonial. The Greek and the Roman churches have nothing of Christianity but the name and the form—a body without a soul, and that body so distorted and mutilated that it can scarcely be recognized. Even in protestant Christendom, a vast majority of the people are practically "without God and without hope in the world." How much of ignorance and error, superstition and vice, are yet to be encountered and overcome among the foreign immigrants to this land of freedom, the aboriginal wanderers of our forests, and the sable operatives of our plantations! And have we time for congratulation—for exultation, while there remains so vast a field to be occupied—so great a work to be done? Nearly two thousand years have rolled away, and more than sixty generations have descended to the tomb, since Christ bade his disciples go and evangelize the nations; yet there are scarcely ten millions of true Christians on earth—scarcely a hundredth part of the human family brought effectually under the redeeming influence of the Gospel. At this rate, the conversion of the world will require, from the present time, nearly two hundred thousand years!

Why this tardy progress? Is God unwilling that it should be accelerated? Is he slow to save? Has he appointed a time when the world shall be converted, and is it vain till then to look for its conversion? Such a sentiment would be a libel upon the God of love; hanging a leaden weight upon the wheels of the Gospel-chariot; breathing a pestiferous blight over the incipient spring-bloom of the millennium! Has not Heaven given sufficient proof of his desire for the speedy salvation of the world? Is it with his consent, that iniquity abounds through long and dreary centuries, and superstition sways its bloody sceptre over the nations? Is it with satisfaction that he beholds twenty millions of the heathen dropping annually into eternity, while the church sits at ease in her affluence, and scarcely sighs for their fate? When Jesus sent his apostles to preach the glad tidings in all the world, to every creature, did he caution them against making too much speed, lest they should

outrun the designs of Infinite Love? What is the Apocalyptic emblem of the Gospel? A lazy reptile that "drags its slow length along," or a "mighty angel flying in the midst of heaven?" The Word of God is full of incitements to zeal in the great work of Evangelism, without a single prohibition or discouragement.

Why, then, are not the nations converted? Are they not accessible? Are we ignorant of their wants and woes? Have not the distant provinces of the globe been explored by curious, commercial, scientific and antiquarian adventurers? Have not the increased facilities for intercourse brought the remotest tribes, as it were, to our very doors? Hear we not the cry of millions "perishing for lack of knowledge?" Are not the heathen abroad, and the ignorant and vicious at home, constantly appealing to our sympathies, with the voice of all their sins and sorrows? Have we no remedy for their evils, no men to convey that remedy, no money to send and sustain the men? Why, then, is the glorious work still unaccomplished?

The great cause, doubtless, is the apathy of the Church. True, there are other causes, and they must not be overlooked. It must not be forgotten, that the human mind is naturally indifferent to the things of God. It must not be forgotten, that the human heart is naturally averse to the Gospel of Christ—scornfully rejects its offers, and stoutly resists its influence. It must not be forgotten, that hosts of human agents are leagued with the devil and his angels, to oppose the spread and triumph of Christianity; and that ever since its foundation in Eden, the organized powers of darkness have kept up a systematic and strenuous effort to subvert the kingdom of Christ. These are among the causes of delay, of failure, of defeat. But the one great obstacle lies in the heart of the Church. Few feel the interest they ought to feel in the enterprise. Few, indeed, practically recognize their responsibility in relation to it. "Talk not to me of the heathen! I have enough to do to save my own soul!" Such was the reply of one to whom his pastor presented the claims of the missionary cause. Such, practically, is the language of thousands. The Chinese, the African, the Indian, cannot say, "*No man* careth for my soul;" but few, alas! are they that do care, and far too languid is the solicitude even of that few. Our hands are slow, because our hearts are cold. We need the spirit of primitive Christianity—not "the passive sentiment of compassion," but "the active principle of benevolence"—a benevolence which accounts labor a delight, and self-denial a privilege, if it can in any measure aid the salvation of souls. Mere sensibility—mere sympathy for a suffering and perishing world, is a very equivocal test of a true missionary spirit. Christ's pity towards sinners drew him from the throne to the manger, led him from the manger to the cross. If we feel as we should, we shall do what we can. Talk not of liberal contributions—talk not of sacrifice and self-denial—while the whole amount given annually by all the Protestant Churches of Christendom for missionary purposes and Bible distribution, is less than two and a half millions of dollars—less than the cost of a single celebration of the Hindoo Goddess Doorga! while the denizens of the Celestial Empire spend three hundred and sixty millions every year for incense to gratify the metallic and wooden olfactories of their multiform manufactured divinities! and three

hundred and sixteen millions, in the United States alone, are worse than wasted on mere superfluities, and chiefly in the indulgence of unnatural and vicious appetites—one hundred millions for intoxicating drinks, and thirty millions for a certain weed, which only one species of worm, and one species of beast, beside the human, has ever been known to taste! When we are as bounteous to our religion as the heathen are to theirs—when we bestow as much for the conversion of others as we lavish upon our own lusts—then we may begin to talk of liberality and self-denial in the cause of the world's salvation!

But whence the indifference of which we complain? One fruitful source is a want of confidence in the divinely appointed means. We do not really believe that the Gospel is able to achieve the conquest of superstition, imposture and error—to reform the nations, and renovate the race. Therefore a thousand new schemes are proposed, a thousand infallible remedies are offered, a thousand vain and clamorous empyrics oppose their prescriptions to those of the divine Physician. The question of the Syrian captain is still often asked—"Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel?" No! the waters of Israel are the only cure for a leprous world. Arts, sciences, civilization, the diffusion of knowledge, and all the improvements of the age, however they may correct the taste of a community for some of the grosser forms of sensuality, are incapable of cleansing the human heart, reforming its moral habitudes, elevating its aims and tendencies, purifying its faith, its affections, and its worship. You may build your suspension bridges; but you cannot bridge the gulf between the heathen world and heaven. You may tunnel the everlasting hills; but you cannot perforate the mountain range that separates the nations from their God. You may multiply your steam-ships; but you cannot construct one that shall bear men over to the "better land." You may improve your locomotive engines; but you cannot invent one that shall run to the New Jerusalem. You may extend your telegraphic lines; but you cannot thus put humanity in communication with the skies. You may build your ærial chariots; but you cannot thus convey the aliens home to their forfeited mansions in "the city of the Great King." A nation may be triumphant in arms yet enslaved to sin; successful in commerce, yet corrupt in morals: abundant in accumulations, yet destitute of the "durable riches of righteousness." Without the restraining and sanctifying influences of true religion, these advantages only increase the arrogance and selfishness, the luxury and licentiousness, of a people, and so precipitate their doom. Political economists may attribute the moral evils of the world to badly constructed governments, or faults in their administration; but an attempt to remedy them may prove that revolution is not always reformation, and that a change in men's political condition involves no improvement of their moral nature. Civil freedom may exist, without the freedom of the Sons of God; though liberty itself is the offspring of Christianity, and lives and flourishes chiefly in the shadow of the Cross. Intellectual advancement is not spiritual renovation. Many have walked the groves of Academus, who never found the gate of Paradise. Many have drunk deeply from the fountain of Castalia, yet famished for the waters of life.

True, knowledge is power; but it is not all knowledge that has power to save the soul. Men are sanctified by the truth; but it is "the truth as it is in Jesus." This is the world's great Evangel. Talk not of the power of superstition, the power of prejudice, the power of passion, the power of habit, the power of caste, the power of kings, the power of hell! Here is a power which we confidently oppose to them all. It is "the power of God." It addresses itself alike to the understanding, and the conscience, and the heart. It takes the outposts preparatory to storming the citadel. It enters into the very source and center of the evil. It purifies the stream, by cleansing the fountain. It is adapted alike to the master and the slave, to the monarch and the menial, to the philosopher and the savage, to the millionaire and the beggar. It suits equally the Hindoo in his temple, the Hottentot in his hovel, the Esquimaux in his snow-bank, and the Negro in the rice-field. This is the Divine agency that immortalized the Pentecost, smote the scales from the eyes of Cornelius, and converted "the Tiger of Tarsus" into an apostle of love; and wherever its primitive messengers came, men arose by thousands, and threw away their idols, and inquired—"What must we do to be saved?" and Grecian philosophy bowed to "the foolishness of preaching;" and Roman eloquence went dumb before the boatmen of Tiberias; and poetry left the towers of Ilium to sing the wonders of Redemption; and the painter dipped his pencil in the crimson dew of Gethsemane; and the sculptor repaired to Calvary for the inspiration and the models of his art! And were these glorious effects attributable to the miracles wrought by the apostles? No! it was the simple word of God. Paul *reasoned;* and Felix trembled. He related his *experience;* and Agrippa exclaimed—"Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian!" It was no preternatural wonder wrought by his hand—no sensible divine authentication of his doctrine, which thus moved his royal hearer. Healing the sick, raising the dead, speaking with tongues, never saved a soul. The doctrine of Christ crucified is the world's restorative, and the world's palladium. In the cessation of miraculous gifts, the church has lost nothing essential to the success of her mission. The agency is the same now, as in the days of Paul. The same means, with the same zeal, would realize the same results. The promise of the Master's presence with his servants is good till "the end of the world." But the church and the ministry must become again what they were at first—a missionary church— a missionary ministry. When, throughout all "the sacramental host of God's elect," the primitive confidence, devotion, enterprise and energy are revived; then the nations may "lift up their heads and rejoice, for their redemption draweth nigh;" and the angels that come and go between heaven and earth may begin to chant the prelude of Emmanuel's coronation anthem!

The missions under the immediate supervision of this society embrace 343 plantations, 186 places of worship, 11653 members of the church, and 5956 Children under catechetical instruction. The following is a brief view of these several missions:—

1. *Savannah River mission* was served the past year by Revs. J. J. Fleming and G. R. Talley, who report 15 plantations served, 9 preaching

places, 3 white and 627 colored members, 240 children catechised, and a population of 2,000. Condition of the mission good.

2. *Oakitee mission* was served by Rev. A. J. Green, and embraces 25 plantations, 6 preaching places, 27 whites and 200 colored members, and 250 children catechised. The mission is believed to be in a healthy condition.

3 *Beaufort mission* has been under the care of the Revs. G. W. Moore and J. W. Faulkner, who report 15 plantations served, 6 preaching places, 17 whites and 244 colored members, and a population of 2,000; children catechised, 341: mission prosperous. Brother Faulkner was obliged to retire from the work in the latter part of the year in consequence of the failure of his health.

4. *Combahee mission* was served the past year by Revs. J. R. Coburn and A. H. Harmon, who report 19 plantations served, 12 preaching places, 809 members, 504 children catechised. This mission is in a prosperous condition.

5. *Ashepoo mission* has been served by the Rev. P. G. Bowman, who reports 14 plantations served, 326 members, 100 children catechised, and a population of 2,000. The mission is reported to be in a prosperous condition.

6. *Round O mission* was served by the Rev. P. A. M. Williams, who reports 12 plantations served, 7 preaching places, 172 members and 80 children catechised.

7. *Graniteville and Aiken mission* (to the whites,) was served by Rev. J. R. Pickett, who reports 118 whites and 65 colored members. There are within the bounds of this mission 2 Sunday-schools, 2 superintendents, 8 teachers, 103 scholars and 687 volumes in Library.

8. *Pon Pon mission* was served by Rev. W. C. Kirkland, who reports 9 plantations served, 6 preaching places, 620 church members, 174 children catechised, and a population of 2,000. State of the mission good.

9. *Edisto and Jehossee mission* was served by Revs. C. Wilson and H. A. Bass, who report 13 plantations served, 11 preaching places, 702 church members, and 150 children catechised. This mission is reported to be in a sound and prosperous condition.

10. *Cooper River mission* was served by Rev. D. J. Simmons, who reports 9 plantations served, 6 preaching places, 606 members, and 140 children baptised. A portion of this mission is reported to be in a prosperous condition.

11. *St. Andrew's mission* was served by the Rev. A. R. Danner, who reports 16 plantations served, 4 preaching places, 214 members, and 60 children catechised. The mission is reported to be in a prosperous condition.

12. *Mt. Tryon mission* to the whites, was served by the Rev. D. D. Byars, who reports 22 preaching places, 492 white and 52 colored members. The mission is reported to be in a healthy condition.

13. *Congaree mission* was served by the Rev. N. Talley, who reports 21 plantations served, 8 preaching places, 11 white and 280 colored members, 286 children catechised, and a population of 2,500. The condition of the mission is prosperous.

14. *Wateree mission.* Rev. D. G. McDaniel was appointed to this mission, but was removed by death on the 11th of August, after which time it was served by Revs. J. R. Joy and R. T. Capers, the former having been appointed in the beginning of the year, who report 23 plantations served, 10 preaching places, 37 white and 1,050 colored members, 665 children catechised, and a population of 3,000. The mission is reported to have felt seriously the loss of brother McDaniel, but under the blessing of God is still in a prosperous condition.

15. *Long Town mission* was served by the Rev. L. A. Johnson, who reports 8 plantations served, 5 preaching places, 60 white and 80 colored members, 100 children catechised, with a population of 1,000. There are within the bounds of this mission 3 Sabbath-schools, (whites,) 3 superintendents, 7 teachers, 75 children. Condition of the mission encouraging.

16. *Upper Santee mission* was served by Revs. A. P. Avant and S. Owens, who report 31 plantations served, 9 preaching places, 49 white and 748 colored members, and 230 children catechised. This mission is in a very prosperous condition.

17. *Lower Santee mission* was served by Rev. M. Eaddy, who reports 13 preaching places, 636 church members, 256 children catechised, and a population of 4,000. The mission is reported to be in an improving condition.

18. *Sampit mission*, served by Rev. F. Raysor, embraces 7 plantations, 3 preaching places, 255 church members, 200 children catechised, and a population of about 1,500. The missionary believes this mission to be in a sound and prosperous condition.

19. *Black River and Pee Dee mission* was served by Revs. J. L. Shuford and J. Parker, who report 11 plantations served, 10 preaching places, 121 white and 1,467 colored members, 416 children catechised. Condition of the mission encouraging.

20. *Black Mingo mission* was served by Rev. F. Rush, who reports 30 plantations served, 9 preaching places, 49 whites and 586 colored members, 600 children catechised, and a population of 3,000.

21. *Waccamaw mission* was served by Rev. J. A. Minick and W. Carson, who report 16 plantations served, 5 preaching places, 27 white and 523 colored members, 507 children catechised and a population of 3,000. The mission is in a sound condition.

22. *Society Hill mission* was served by Rev. I. P. Hughes, who reports 17 plantations served, 5 preaching places, 107 Church members, 232 children catechised, and a population of 2,500.

23. *Cheraw mission* was served by Rev. W. J. Jackson, who reports 32 plantations served, 6 preaching places, 219 Church members, 322 children catechised, and a population of 1,350.

24. *South Mountain mission*, to the whites was under the care of Rev. B. G. Jones, who reports 12 preaching places, 152 Church members, and a population of 1200. The condition of this mission is said to be prosperous.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

Revd's. H. A. C. Walker, C. H. Pritchard, W. Martin, C. Murchison, C. S. Walker, J. Stacy, and W. A. McSwain; R. Bryce, J. P. Smith and G. W. Williams, Esqrs.; Drs. J. H. Dargan and W. J. T. Mickle.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Joint Board of Finance respectfully report that the deficient claimants on the Conference Collections have been settled with at a discount of ten per centum. This shows a gratifying advance on the collections of last year, and the more so when the shortness of the Conference year is taken into consideration. But we are not satisfied, nor should we be until these collections are brought fully up to the demands upon them. It is confidently hoped, nay, predicted, that this will be the case at the next session of our Conference.

The whole amount of claim is $4369. To meet this the Board has received $3993.46.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1854.

The Joint Board of Finance respectfully suggest the following assessments:

Charleston: Cumberland,	$150	Darlington,	150
Trinity,	150	Washington st., Columbia,	150
Bethel,	100	Marion "	75
St. James',	35	Columbia circuit,	50
Black Swamp,	150	Barnwell,	100
Cooper River,	100	Graniteville,	25
Cypress,	200	Winnsboro and Chester,	50
Walterboro,	150	Fairfield,	75
Orangeburg,	150	Chester,	75
Georgetown,	75	Sumterville,	75
Conwayboro,	50	Sumter,	125
Black River,	50	Santee,	50
Marion,	50	Lexington,	75
" circuit,	100	Camden,	50
Bennettsville,	100	Lancaster,	40
Cheraw,	75	Charlotte,	35
Charlotte circuit,	75	Pleasant Grove,	50
Concord,	50	Albemarle,	25
Wadesboro,	50	Wadesboro circuit,	125
Chesterfield,	40	Spartanburg,	40
Spartanburg circuit,	40	Rutherford,	30
Catawba,	25	Shelby,	25
Morganton,	25	McDowell,	25
Lenoir,	30	Yorkville,	25
Yorkville circuit,	25	Cokesbury,	75
Abbeville,	25	Abbeville circuit,	75
Edgefield,	125	Pendleton,	50
Greenville,	30	Greenville circuit,	50
South Mt.,	25	Mt. Tryon,	25
Laurens,	75	Union,	175
Newberry,	25	Jocassee,	25
Newberry circuit,	125		

Signed, H. A. C. WALKER, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS, S. C. CONFERENCE.

The Committee on Sunday Schools, to whom was referred the communication of Dr. Summers, have given to the same the most serious consideration, being persuaded of the great importance of the subject of which it treats.

Your committee regret that the statistical details of our Sunday School operations are so limited and imperfect. We deem it highly desirable that some system should be adopted by which an accurate and full report of this department might be had from each annual Conference. It is also worthy of observation that the most satisfactory returns have been made by those Conferences which have employed an Agent for this cause.

Your Committee recommend for the adoption of the Conference the following resolutions; viz:

1. Resolved, That this Conference highly appreciate the valuable services and untiring labours of the Book Editor of the M. E. Church, South.

2. Resolved, That the members of this Conference hereby pledge themselves to renewed exertions to increase the circulation of the Sunday School Visitor.

3. Resolved, That the communication of Dr. Summers be published in the So. Ch. Advocate.

4. Resolved, That the next General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, be requested to devise some plan by which complete and uniform returns of the S. School statistics of our Church may be reported at each Annual Conference.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WHITEFOORD SMITH.
JOSEPH CROSS.

FAST DAYS.

Resolved, That the last Friday in April and in September be observed as days of Fasting and Prayer throughout our Conference district, and that we request our people to make special prayer to God that he would raise up and send out more laborers into his vineyard.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

For the 1st year.—P. G. Bowman, Wm. C. Kirkland, and C. H. Pritchard.

For the 2nd year.—Wm. Crook, Samuel Townsend, and Colin Murchison.

For the 3rd year.—Robert J. Boyd, J. M. Bradley, and Thomas Mitchell.

For the 4th year.—James Stacy, Whitefoord Smith, and Elias J. Meynardie.

FINANCIAL PLAN.

A Joint Board of Finance having been organized by the last Annual Conference, they have, after due deliberation, agreed to present to this Conference the following *Plan*, to raise the amount necessary to meet the current claims of the Conference.

1. It shall be the duty of the Board, after ascertaining the whole amount of claim against them, annually to apportion the same to the several circuits and stations in the Conference District; and each

preacher having charge of a circuit or station shall furnish his successor with the amount apportioned to his charge.

2. Each preacher shall make all necessary efforts to collect the amount apportioned to his charge by the Board.

3. The preacher in charge of each circuit shall (at the close of the Conference year) fix the first appointment for his successor, at the church nearest the Parsonage (or place of boarding), and shall allow him thereafter at least one week to arrange for the year; during which time (the day to be fixed the preceding yea , by the preacher and stewards) the stewards shall hold the first meeting at the Parsonage, or place of boarding, at which it shall be the duty of each steward to attend.

4. Each board of stewards, respectively, shall ascertain the whole claim against the circuit for the current year, both for quarterage and travelling expenses, as definitely as possible; they shall then make an estimate of the family expenses, of the preacher, or preachers of the circuit, including servant's hire and house rent (if a house be rented) and the entire claim against the circuit, for the current year, shall be apportioned to the several congregations composing the circuit forthwith—each congregation being notified immediately, the amount it is expected to collect.

5. The stewards shall divide the congregations composing the circuit, among themselves, and shall make all necessary efforts to collect the amounts apportioned them.

6. It shall be the duty of the stewards to open subscription books in each congregation to meet the current claims—and shall also cause public collections to be taken up, if they deem it necessary, for the same purpose.

7. The stewards shall settle with the preachers quarterly, and to this end, the subscriptions shall be taken in quarterly instalments.

8. The Conference collections, for the support of our Bishops, and superannuated preachers, widows and orphans of preachers—and to meet deficiencies in quarterage claims—shall be taken up in each congregation as early in the year as practicable.

9. The Board of District stewards shall be a standing Board for four years; provided, nevertheless should any vacancy appear in the Board such vacancies shall be supplied by the Quarterly Conference; and the District steward shall be charged with collecting the amount apportioned to the circuit or station where he resides.

10. The Board of District stewards shall be charged with the work of supplying the District Parsonage with suitable furniture; and shall be authorized to take up collections in their respective charges for that object.

11. Each member of this Joint Board, and more especially the chairman thereof, shall feel it his duty to be active, in endeavoring to improve the financial condition of the Church, by written correspondence, or otherwise, with the stewards, and other leading brethren of the several circuits and stations—and by public addresses to the church at suitable times and occasions.

12. That the circuit stewards shall make arrangements early in the year, if they deem it necessary, to receive from the congregations assigned to them respectively, such provisions, as they may be able to give for the support of the preacher's family, which shall be delivered at the parsonage, at market prices, and shall be placed to the credit of the circuit as family expenses.

A COURSE OF STUDY.

For the Itinerant Probationers and Deacons of the M. E. Church, South, to be uniformly observed in all the Annual Conferences, as provided for by the late General Conference.

First Year.—The Bible as to *Doctrines*, with reference to Wesley's Notes, the Bible Dictionaries, and Commentaries of our own publication; Concordance; and Gaston's Collections of Sacred Scriptures. Wesley's Sermons; Fletcher's Appeal and Christian Perfection. English Grammar and Composition.

Second Year.—The Bible as to *Ordinances or Sacraments*. Reference books the same as the first year. Watson's Life of Wesley; Bishop Watson's Apology; Fletcher's Christian Perfection. Methodist Discipline. Geography. Composition.

Third Year.—The Bible as to *History and Chronology*. Reference books as before. The first and second parts of Watson's Institutes. Gregory's Church History. Rhetoric. Written Essay or Sermon.

Fourth Year.—The Bible generally. Reference books the same. The third and fourth parts of Watson's Institutes. Powell on Apostolical Succession. Old Christianity contrasted with the novelties of Popery, by Gideon Ouseley. Logic. Written Essay or Sermon.

The foregoing course is considered obligatory upon the several classes of candidates. The following is for such as have ability, time, and inclination to accomplish more, on which, or any part of it, such only as desire it should be examined.

Miscellaneous Department.—The Bible continued. Fletcher's Checks; Life of Dr. Episcopius; Mosheim's Church History; Dr. Elliot on Romanism; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Butler's Ana-

logy; Natural Philosophy; Moral Philosophy; Civil History. And if any desire to proceed still further, they can include in their course other sciences, and the dead languages, aided by the best authors, and such private instruction as may be within their reach.

WOFFORD COLLEGE.

TRUSTEES.—H. A. C. Walker, W. A. Gamewell, T. R. Walsh, W A. McSwain, C. Betts, C. S. Walker, J. R. Pickett, Simpson Bobo, J. W. Tucker, Harvey Wofford, Dr. J. H. Dogan, Geo. W. Williams, of Charleston, and Robert Bryce, of Columbia.

FACULTY.—Rev. W. M. Wightman, D. D., President, and Professor of Moral and Mental Science.

David Duncan, of R. M. College, Professor of Ancient Languages.

Rev. A. M. Shipp, of the University of N. C., Professor of English Literature.

James H. Carlisle, of Columbia, Professor of Mathematics.

Warren Du Pre, of Newberry, Professor of Natural Science.

The College will be opened on the 1st August, 1854.

CAROLINA FEMALE COLLEGE.

FACULTY.—Rev. T. R. Walsh, President, Mental and Moral Science.

William K. Blake, A. M., Mathematics and Natural Science.

Ancient and Modern Languages. (The duties of this Chair are divided among several members of the Board of Instruction.)

W. Sherzer, succeeded by L. F. Whitaker, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

Miss Amanda M. Cole, Drawing, Painting, &c.

Miss Josephine Lange, French, and Music Assistant.

Miss Mary S. Blake, Preparatory Department.

Mrs. Elizabeth Keelyn, Matron.

R. M. Alexander and Lady, Steward and Stewardess.

Rates of Board and Tuition.—For board and Tuition in the regular course, $62.50 per Session. In Preparatory Department, $12.50 less.

Extras.—Music on Piano, $22.00; Piano and Guitar, $28.00; Guitar alone, $11.00; French Language, $5.00; Painting in Water colors, $10.00; in Oil colors, $15.00; Embroidery, $5 00.

Latin and Greek, elective studies without charge.

N. B. The whole payable in advance.

The next Session will begin the 10th of January.

COKESBURY INSTITUTE.

TRUSTEES.—Rev. W. M. Wightman, *President.* Rev. H. A. C. Walker, Rev. S. Leard, Rev. N. Talley, Rev. J. Dannelly, Rev. W. A. Gamewell, Rev. R. J. Boyd, Rev. F. G. Thomas, M. D., Chas. Smith, H. A. Jones, F. A. Connor.

FACULTY.—Rev. G. H. Round, A. M. *Rector.*

Rev. J. W. Wightman, A. M., *Classical Teacher.*

——— ———, *Assistant.*

VISITING COMMITTEES.

VISITORS FOR CAROLINA FEMALE COLLEGE.—N. Talley, A. M. Forster, F. A. Mood.

VISITORS FOR COKESBURY SCHOOL.—Joseph Cross, C. H. Pritchard, H. M. Mood.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. 1. This Society shall be denominated "The Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference, auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist the parent society to extend its missionary labors in the United States and elsewhere.

ART 3. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and nine Managers, who shall be annually elected by the Society; all of whom shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 4. At all meetings of the Board of Managers, it shall require five members to form a quorum.

ART. 5. The Board shall have authority to make by-laws for regulating its own proceedings; and shall annually submit a report of its transactions and funds to the Society; and shall inform the Conference of the state of its funds.

ART. 6. The Treasurer, who shall reside in Charleston, shall hold the funds of the Society, subject to the drafts of the Bishops; in accordance with the 2nd article of this constitution.

ART. 7. Each subscriber paying one dollar annually shall be a member of this Society; and the payment of ten dollars shall constitute a member for life.

ART. 8. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held some time during the session of the Conference, at the discretion of the Board of Managers.

ART. 9. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Managers.

ART. 10. At all the meetings of the Society, the President, or in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, or in the absence of both Vice-Presidents, such member as shall be appointed by the meeting shall preside.

ARL. 11. The minutes of each meeting of the Society shall be signed by the President and Recording Secretary.

ART. 12. The Constitution shall not be altered, but by a vote of two-thirds of the Annual Conference at the recommendation of the Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS.

1. The Managers shall meet annually, at such places as may be appointed for the Annual Conference, on the day previous to its sitting.

2. At all the meetings of the Board, the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or President pro tem., shall take the chair at the hour appointed; shall preserve order and appoint committees, and shall also have authority to appoint extra meetings of the Board.

3. The Secretary shall keep a correct journal of the minutes and proceedings of the Board, and attend all its sittings when practicable, and in case of absence, transmit the records of the Board to the place of meeting.

4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct account of receipts and expenditures, which shall be submitted with the necessary vouchers, to an auditing committee, to be appointed by the Board of each annual meeting.

5. The Board shall hold a meeting on a day, not later than the seventh of the Conference sessions, at which the Treasurer shall be required to furnish a statement of the funds. And the Board shall thereupon notify the presiding Bishops of the amount for which drafts may be made for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SO. CA. CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

W. M. WIGHTMAN, Treasurer, in account with the Miss'y. Society of the S. C. Conf.

Dr. 1853.

FROM MISSIONS.

Waccamaw by J A Minick—Est of J J Ward 200, W A Alston Esq 100, C Alston sen 100, Joshua Ward Esq 50, mrs M H Pyatt 50, Est of R Nesbit 20, A Friend 20, J M Smith 15, J A Hemingway 10, S L Oliver 10, W Burgess 5, J E Thompson 4, servant 25cts. 584 25

Sampit by T Raysor—Estate of Withers 300, J B Pyatt, Esq, for last year 75, and for the present year 80, J F Pyatt, Esq, 80. 535 00

Black Mingo by F Rush—W Burroughs 100, mrs S Covert 60, G Cooper 20, Dr J Bradley 20, Dr W S Boyd 20, E N McFaddin 20, mrs M F Mouzon 20, mrs M J Graham 15, capt J E Scott 15, W Staggers 15, mrs S T Singletary 10, J Fulton 10, R H Wilson 10, J B Pressley 10, mrs E McCrea 10, Estate of H McCutchen 10, Dr J W Staggers 10, J M Fulton 10, T McCutchen 8, Est of M B McCutchen 7, mrs E L Brockington 7, mrs S Morris 5, W O Bradley 5, J Kinder 5, W J B Cooper 5, col E H Miller 5, D D Barr 5, J C Wilson 5, J B Chandler 5, Dr J C Williams 5, T Chinn 5, A C McKnight 5, W McLevene 5, G Barr 5, miss J Grayson 3, mrs J M Miller 3, C Belin 3, M C Mariano 3, P R Keels 3, G Hanna 2, J W Godwin 2, F J Boyd 1.25, mrs E Nesmith 1, T J Finkley 1, col 1, J R

Scott 1, R F McCotry 1, E P Fleming 1, J J McFaddin 1, G Meecham 50 cts, W J Brown 50 cts, mrs Brown 50 cts, mrs M Brown 50 cts, miss M Brown 12 cts. 501 37

Congaree by N Talley—Col W Hampton 100, Gen W Hopkins 50, Col A R Taylor 40, Dr Fair and Col Marshall 40, Gen Arthur 20, miss C Arthur 10, P T Chappell 20, miss A Arthur 10, miss K Arthur 10, J C Bates 10, capt Goodwyn and F Taylor 10, mrs Brevard 13, T Heath 10, Maj J Sykes 10, Maj Guignard 5, J S Guignard 5, E Heath 5, M R Howell 5, W Denley 5, Dr Disseker 3, Dr Reese 5, Dr Leland 5, mrs Gen Hopkins 5, Friend to Missions 5, J Campbell 1, T Harris 1, mrs Creber and daughters 1, mrs G Campbell 1, T S Coogler 1, B T Spigner 1, collection at Mill Creek 4, other collections 2.17, mr Cruber 2. 415 17

Black River and Pee Dee by J L Shuford—Hon R F W Allston 50, F Weston Esq 50, J H Tucker 30, W H Trapier Esq 20, Est W E Sparkman 20, J R Easterling Esq 20, J Exum 25, R H Collins 25, T B Hamlin 10, J E Price 5, J Hucks 5, J J Anderson 5, mrs R H Collins 5, mrs S E Ham 5, J J Hamlin 5, T R M Singleton 5, mrs M Lenerieu 5, F Green 5, E Coachman 5, C J Atkinson 5, W K Grier 5, miss Skinner 5, miss W Skinner 5, mrs J L Shuford 5, mrs B M Grier 5, mrs L A Grier 4, other contributors 39.37, coloured people on the mission 34. 407 37

Savannah River by J J Fleming—Est Robt Smith 50, J J Pringle Smith Esq 40 for last year, J Joiner Smith Esq 40, H Rose Esq 20, mrs A J Chisolm 30, A S Izard 50, J J Pringle Smith 40, Est Robt Smith 50, Dr W Hamilton 20, T Hardee 10, F P Hardee 5, E Middleton 1. 356 00

Edisto by C Wilson & H A Bass—Hon W Aiken 150, J G Mikell Esq 100, W Edings Esq 45, col E M Seabrook 30, Dr W Bailey 20, Rev H A Bass 10. 355 00

Upper Santee by A P Avant—capt L H Belser 50, J M & J J Frierson 35, col J Nelson 25, maj W S Nelson 25, col W M James 25, D S P DuBose 20, mrs F Colclough 20, maj W W Owens 15, C R R Boyd 10, miss H Campbell 33.50, Rev S Owens 5, F Weeks 5, mrs M Belser 5, J K Tarrant 5, maj Cantey 10, J Childers 5, mrs Lawrence 5, collection 14, other donations 19, W Butler 5, mrs Stedham 1. 337 50

Combahee by J R Coburn—H Rhett 30, Hon R B Rhett 100, Charles S Lowndes Esq 50, T M Rhett Esq 20, A W Burnet 40, Est W M Smith 30, capt N Heyward 50, 320 00

Cheraw by W J Jackson—col A McFarlan 50, col W T Ellerbie 30, C Irby 25, Gen J Gillespie 20, H W Harrington Jr, 15, T E B Pegues 10, mrs J Pegues 15, col B F Pegues 10, mrs H P Gillespie 10, A Blue 10, col H Harrington senr 10, W J Pegues jr 10, mrs Jackson 10, mrs E Ellerbie 5, mrs Z Ellerbie 5, capt O H Kolick 10, A Friend 5, A McKaskill 3, W J Pegues 10. 263 00

Wateree by J R Joye—maj J M Desaussure 50, col J Chestnut sen 50, mrs S Ciples 30, Dr J Milling 15, mrs M E Boykin 15, Est J C Doby 20, capt B Boykin 15, capt J B Mickle 10, J W Doby 20, Est J Chestnut 10, J McLeod 5, J Thompson 5, mrs N M Dixon 2, misses S & M & S J Dixon 3, miss S Jenkins 50cts, mrs H English 10. 260 50

Society Hill by I P Hughes—J Witherspoon 100, col J N Williams 50, Hon Judge Evans 30, col W T Ellerby 20, D S Harllee 10, A L Sparks 10, D Williams 10, Rev A D Campbell 10, Dr Pressley 5, mrs F Strickland 3, Friend of missions 2.50. 250 50

St Andrew's by A R Danner—Hon Judge Frost 50, E Sebring 25, W Middleton 25, J Wilkes 15, W Ravenel 10, W Bull 10, Isaac Dwight 10, A H Brown 10, W B Pringle 10, pub col 20.37, 185 37

Round O by P A M Williams—col J W Lewis 50, W Lowndes 35, Jas Sanders sen 10, Dr A Frazer 10, A Willis 10, mrs E Humphries 15, mrs Dr Jones & daughters 4, mrs E P Smith 40. 174 00

Pon Pon by W C Kirkland—col L Morris 75, Hon J B Grimball 50, Mrs Geo Morris 25, Hon W Elliott 10, Mrs Mitchell 10. 170 00

Cooper River by D J Simmons—J Coward 20, mrs Bell 20, Chs Graves 10, Dr C Tennent 12, Dr D Graves 10, P G Stoney 10, Dr C Desell 10, miss M Windom 1, Est Mrs Simmons 70. 163 00

Beaufort by G W Moore—Dr B B Sams 20, H Stuart Esq 20, A brother 10, Dr Verdier 5, pub coll 3.70, Dr H M Fuller 30, Rev R Fuller 30, mrs Thos Fuller 24. 142 70

Longtown by L A Johnson—coll. 130 00

Santee by M Eaddy—Hon Judge Frost 30, Hon C C Pinckney 25, mrs E B Lowndes 25, W B Pringle Esq 25, maj G Manigault 20. 125 00

Graniteville and Aiken by J R Pickett—col. 106 72

Mt Tryon by D D Byars—May col 34.43, at C M 38.20. 72 63

Ashepoo by P G Bowman—capt W Godfrey 30, miss Julia Elliott 5. 35 00

South Mountain by B G Jones—coll. 23 31

FROM STATIONS.

Charleston, Trinity by C H Pritchard—Annual Subscriptions 170, monthly P meeting 31.48, China mission 100, to make B Jenkins, C H Pritchard, F W Capers and Nee Kway l m's 92 42, Donations 40, Pub col 23.10, Juvenile Miss Soc —Anniversary 100, collection 13.52, col an'l subscriptions 36.84, Pub col 73.31, to make Rev C HP and Nee Kway l m 40, Female col Soc'y, by M Langdon Treas 75. 795 65

Cumberland St by W Smith—S School for China 45.25, col'd S School 18.11, coll of which 185.12 from col'd persons, 378.40, 441 76

Bethel by J Cross 318 00

St James' by A McCorquodale 126 80

Columbia Washington St by C Murchison—Maj Guignard 75, A Wallace Esq 50, J Bryce Esq 10, mrs S Bryce 5, mrs Dr Parker 5, W W Walker 5, Miss S S Box 34, colls 89.35, R Bryce 5, 278 35

Columbia, Marion St by H C Parsons—mrs S Waring 10, by S School to make J A Hines l m 20, coll of which 60 to make H C Parsons, W Martin, Dr J W Parker l m's 165.40. 195 40

Georgetown by H A C Walker—Contributions, 7 of which for China, 202.20, C J Atkinson 5, pub coll 17, col'd people, of which 40 to make Rev H A C Walker & lady l m 83.05, J Huck 10, mrs Huck 1. 318 25

Sumterville by F A Mood—cols of which 40 to make mrs S W A Logan & miss S W A R Logan l m, and 128 for Church in Shanghai, Donation 20. 281 87

Camden by W Martin—J Dunlap to make mrs Martin 1 m 20, W E Johnson 20, mrs Haile 30, J F Sutherland 10, J C West 10, W T Caston 10, J S Depass 3, J B Cureton 5, W Moore 5, J P McKinney 2, W Wallace 5, J F Boon 5, T J Warren 5, miss Niles 5, Dr F L Zempt 10, J Alexander 6, S W Capers & family 10, cash 8.50, pub col 27.96, col'd soc 26.64, 224 10

Spartanburg by W A McSwain—Miss Society 193.14, S S miss soc 11.20, col'd 10.07, 1 m's W A McSwain W B Seay mrs E M Seay. 214 41

Marion by J Stacy—China miss 192, H McClenaghan 5, A Godboldt 5, M P Taylor 3. 205 00

Yorkville by W E Boone—coll 60. 85, coloured con 107.57. 168 42

Cheraw by E J Meynardie—colls. 165 48

Charlotte by J W Miller—colls of which 40 to make J E Penman and J W Miller 1 m's, 146 94

Wadesboro by T Mitchell, 123 00

Greenville by J A Mood—Pub col 21.30, col'd mem to make Rev J A Mood 1 m 22 20. 43 50

FROM CIRCUITS.

Cypress by W P Mouzon—A Friend 9, colls 953.10. 962 10

Cokesbury by R J Boyd—collections, of which 5 by J Lockhart for Indian missions, and 101.50 from mrs A M Turpin Sec Cokesbury Fem Soc'y, and 10 by Dr M Mabry for China mission, 878 64

Winnsboro by J A Porter—collections, 874 00

Union by W A Gamewell—J L S Hill 10, W Kelly 10, Dr Dogan 10, Dr Eppes 10, T Booker 10, W Humphries 10, G B Tucker 10, T Brazzleman 10, R Moorman 10, J T Hill 10, A lady for China 10, C Bogan 5, A S Shell 5, Dr Sims 5, B C Jennings 5, T B Jeter 5, C S Beard 5, D Thomas 5, J Holmes 5, S Taggart 5, mrs Maybin 5, B Rice 5, A lady 5, mrs Eppes 5, L Rogers 5, Dr R Gilliam 5, Dr M Goudelock 5, H Whitmire 5, mrs E Kelly 5, W R A Thomas 5, J Foster 5, col Dogan 5, colls 199.20, of which 60 to make Rev J Holmes, mrs W A Gamewell Rev W A Gamewell 1 m's, and 10 to make father Lipsey 1 m, Amount collected to pay Rev J Holmes for missionary service in U circuit 252, 666 20

Bennettsville by R P Franks—collections, of which 40 to make Rev R P Franks and lady 1 m's, 525 00

Darlington by S Jones—Dr J P Zimmerman 20, J McCall 20, J Andrews 10, L Lawson 10, J C Johnson 5, J Owens 5, T S Everley 5, Rev R Campbell 5, G Cusack 5, S Woods 5, G Huggins 5, mrs Zimmerman 5, mrs L McCall 7, G Mims 5, Rev J H Yarbrough 5, P S Severance 5, W Parnell 5, R M Severance 5, J Parnell 5, Rev W H Willis 4, J S Witherspoon 5, M Woodham 5, B Clamants 5, H Woods 5, J Clamants, Rev 5 F J Elliott 5, W Harrill 5, W King 5, C Bailey 5, E Harrill 5, W Collins 5, Dr R Harly 5, T Hunter 5, Rev S C James 5, G W Bird 4, A B Gray 5, J G Gatlin 5, J C Garner 5, W Hudson 5, S K Jeffords 5, other donations 193.75, 433 75

Conwayboro by D McDonald—colls, 403 20

Black Swamp by M A McKibben—colls 372.60 balance from last year 2.50. 375 10

Orangeburg by W H Fleming—collections, of which 20 to make Rev J R Picket 1 m. 331 00

Charlotte by P F Kistler—collections, 325 00

Walterboro by A M Chrietzberg—colls, 317 12

Barnwell by W Crook—collections, 299 04

Pleasant Grove by W C Patterson—May col 64.53, anl col 230.85, 295 38

Sumter by C McLeod—Rev G P Cocke 5, Dr Moore 5, balance from last year by Rev A McC 3.29, 276 37

Black River by H E Ogburn—miss L H Richardson for China mission 50, colls 225, 275 00

Rutherford by J H Robinson—colls, 255 00

Wadesboro by J H Zimmerman—collections, of which 20 to make J H Zimmerman 1 m. 220 00

Newberry by C S Walker—Sardis and Salem 7.70, New Chapel 24.50 to make J Boyd 1 m, Tabernacle 11.40 to make J B Richey 1 m, Hopewell 5.50, Trinity 10 to make R Gibson 1 m, Mt Pleasant 60.75 to make Rev J N Bouchelle JW Halton and R Gilliam 1 m's, Kennerlys 5.90, Soule Chapel 12.50, Ebenezer 8.55, Tranquil 33.25 to make Z Wright 1 m, New Hope 30, L Glymph 1 m, collections 625., 216 30

Pendleton by S H Browne—coll at Sandy Spring 28.40, S B Jones 10, F M Kay 5, J M Browne 5, mrs F W Capers 5, mrs Osborne 2, May collections 148. 13, of which 40 to make mrs N Clarke & Lev Garrison 1 m's, 203 53

Lexington by J W J Harris—mrs A Y Harris 10, A Jones 5, G Kaigler 5, mrs C A Wolfe 5, mrs E Kaigler 5, miss C Arthur 5, miss K Arthur 5, miss A Arthur 5, other collections 155, 200 00

Lancaster by A J Cauthen—collections, 190 50

Greenville by S Townsend—colls 40 to make Rev W A Gamewell and Rev G Ellis 1 m's, pub colls 60, subscription 90, 190 00

Edgefield by M Puckett—M Puckett 5, J H Hughes 5 J O'Neal 5, H C Herlong 5, L B Cochran 5, M Hutchison 5, H Beard 5, J M Witt 5, W Dorn 5, Dr J McKellar 5, Dr Williams 5, G D Hewitt 5, A J Hodges 5, J Nichols, Dr 5 Anderson 5, M Hackett 5, Capt Tarrant 5, T Coleman 5, T C Lipscomb 5, to make J W Kelly 1 m A L Smith 2, J H Hughes 2, R Ogilvie 2, J Hutchison 2, C Mason 2, W Johnson 2, R B Bouknight 2, Maj Lagroon 2, E Walker 1, E Johnson 1, J S Harrison 2, to make Dr J Lake 1 m, A L Smith 1, J H Hughes 1, S Johnson 1, D Walker 1, G Dorn 1, A J Hodges 1, S Beard 1, G W Johnson 1, M Johnson 1, J F Cason 1, colls 57, 182 00

Marion by A W Walker—For China mission D Legett 10, mrs R Godboldt 10, A Legett 10, J Foxworth 5, E C Bethea 5, R Elerbee 5, E L Sweet 3, J B Shackelford 3, S A Thomas 1, other collections 128.60 180 60

Concord by W J Haltom—collections, of which 40 to make Rev W J Haltom and lady 1 m, 165 35

Santee by J W North—collections, 160 10

Spartanburg by H M Mood—Asbury Chapel 45.68, col'd 10.65, Rocky Mount 1, New Hope 7.75, Gethsemane 4, Carmel 1.45, Mesopotamia 14.31, col Leitner 10, at C M's 57.31, 152 15

Morganton by J Finger—Soc'y at Marion to make mrs S H Greenlee 1 m 27.20, collections 122.87, 150 07

Albemarle by A Ervin— 150 00

Laurens by H Bass—collections, 146 85

Shelby by C O Lamotte— 142 00

Cooper River by J T Kilgo—colls, 137 31

Chesterfield by D W Seale—collections, 136 81

Catawba by L Scarbrough—colls, 121 00

Columbia by M L Banks— 118 10

Lenoir by A G Stacy—collections 70, cent-a-week 30, 100 00

Lincoln by L M Little—colls exclusive of am't paid Dr Jenkins for China, 56 00

Pickens by W A Clark—colls 50 00

York by R L Abernathy— 28 00

ANNIVERSARY.

J L Belin, for Indian missions $50; On a proposition to erect a Female School at Shanghai, Mrs W M Wightman 25; W M Wightman 25, to make miss Fanny Nance 1 m; C Betts 25, A W Walker 25 to make miss Fanny M Walker 1 m, W L Pegues 60, G W Williams 20, to make mrs D Nance 1 m, H A C Walker 50, to make Wm. Wightman 1 m, N Talley 20 to make mrs N Talley 1 m, W Crook 20 to make C T Crook 1 m, W H Lawton 20 to make mrs H Crosson 1 m, Dr P Moon 20 to make miss Octavia Moon 1 m, A McCorquodale 20, Mrs McCorquodale 20, W Martin 20 to make R Bryce 1 m, C S Walker 20 to make W DuPre 1 m, W A McSwain 20 to make maj H Summer 1 m, Prof Shipp 20 to make miss Fanny Sehon 1 m, S Bobo 20 to make miss S Fair 1 m, Dr Cross 20 to make miss S Stuart 1 m, J M Penman 20 to make miss H Haynie 1 m, H H Durant 20 to make Liew 1 m, M D'Oyly 20 to make mrs M D'Oyly 1 m, Dr F G Thomas 20 to make miss M C DeWalt 1 m, S Townsend and A B McGilvary 20 to make capt J Bonds 1 m, W C Kirkland 10, D Derrick 10, J Stacy 10, M Eaddy 10, —— Logan 10, W Easterling 10, F Rush 10, J R Pickett and lady 10, G W Stokes 10, D May 10, Dr Boyd 10, W C Patterson 10, T R Walsh & P A M Williams 10, W A Gamewell 10, Dr W Smith 10, Dr Dogan 10, G H Round 10, A P Martin 10, J T Wightman 10, W Carson 10, S Leard 10, and Bp Paine and C Betts 10, to make mrs gen Kinard 1 m. To make Bp Paine 1 m 20 from C S Walker, W DuPre, W L Pegues and C Murchison; miss M Hare 10, col Crosson 10. From several contributors to make mrs C Taylor's son 1 m 20, J C Ervin 5, S H Browne 5, Mrs Derrick 5, A M Forster 5, W P Mouzon 5, H M Mood 5, J A Mood 5, W W Mood 5, Dr Raysor 5, A P

Avant 5, W Du Pre 5, J H Zimmerman 5, W A Clarke 5, R Moorman 5, W T Caston 5—Lester 5, D D Byars 5, A H Harmon 5, A G Stacy 5, mrs D G Mc Daniel 5, L Lilly 5, J L Shuford 5, D J Simmons 5, mrs Haltom 5, J A Minick 5, R P Franks 5, Gen Hodges 5, J Dannelly 5, G Ivey 5, Dr Holland 5, G R Talley 5, S Jones 5, Dr Ruff 5, O A Darby 5, J Parker 5, W Hutto 5, W Jones 5, C H Pritchard 5, J W North 5, G W Moore 5, Dr J Calhoun 5, J A Mood 5, mrs Pegues 5, J E Penman 5, A F Dubard 5, J T Kilgo 5, miss S Norman 5, to make mrs Liew 1m 20 from Penman, Mouzon, Mitchell and Bradley, H Spain 1, J S Harrison 1. Contributors, names not ascertained, (besides a diamond ring) 14, hat collection 48.46, Total 1198.46.

LEGACIES.

Interest in full to 2d December '53, from Trustee of Wofford legacy,	420 00
Est of N Bramlet, by Dr Boyd,	142 37
Est of Richard Blackledge, by H A Haigler Ex,	100 01
Jan and July dividends on missionary stock by R Bryce, Trus,	25 00
Est of Mrs Crandall, by C H Lanneau Ex,	20 20

DONATIONS.

C Betts, part of an appropriation unused.	75 00
Mrs C G Kennedy 10, miss Lucy Brown 8, Wilmington; mrs Morgan 2, A friend 2, mrs Sineath 15.25, W Sineath 2, miss Webster, Rev John Davis 5,	47 25

RECAPITULATION.

From missions,	$5,923 20	
" circuits,	10,888 47	
" stations,	4,046 93	
" Anniversary collection,	1,189 46	
" Legacies and donations,	754 83	
" Parts of appropriation unused and returned by C Betts,	75 00	
" Balance from last year,	616 78	
" Collected by Dr Jenkins,	1554 45	
Total,		$25,049 12

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Nov 29, By drafts of Bishop Paine, 1st instalment in favour of missions in the S C Conference.	4958 75
Amount paid J Holmes for missionary service in Union dist,	252 00
Collections for China miss received by Dr Jenkins,	1,554 45
Cash in Treasurer's hands for remaining instalments and Gen'l Treasury,	18,283 92
Total,	$25,049 12